

it could all be resolved like a Xmas movie
 by the simple act of forgiving
 it's a lie
 sometimes it takes great will-power
 NOT to forgive someone
 who makes a practice of hurting you

THIS EDITOR

she likes surrealism
 but it has to be coherent
 yeah
 a psychotic is cool
 as long as there's a little self-control

GOING BACK SEVEN

Boston to St Pete
 cancer eating his guts
 his mouth puckered & he was gone
 I put what was left in the ground
 his daughter picked up the money
 he'd already told me I had nothing coming
 he taught me how to read
 pointed out the character actors of the '30s
 how to distinguish the different instruments
 & how to sing in 2-part harmony
 mostly I learned how not to be
 a father & a husband
 he left in '61
 died in '81
 & he's making more sense all the time

— John Levin

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CLOWN DEATH: 1

the painted grin
 turns to a just
 apparent grimace

CLOWN DEATH: 2

somewhat surprised
 the clown falls
 and does not rise

— M. K. Book

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